

Workingmen's Houses,
Patrick Kennedy House
289 South Locust Street
Dubuque
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Iowa

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Site Location: 289 South Locust Street
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DOT designation: Resource Site No. 2.10
Cadastral grid : SE1/4 SE1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691860.4706380
Lot dimensions : 52.6'x 143': .17 acre
Lot description: Lot 5 of Stout's Dubuque Subdi-
vision of Mineral Lot 54, Lot 1
of Lot 229 in Union Addition

Present Owner: Iowa Department of Transportation
Present Usage: vacant
Present Condition: fair

Overall Dimensions: 2-story main block: 16'6"x 24'; front porch: 16'6"x 4';
side addition: 10'6"x 12'.

Orientation : east
Architectural Plan type : rectangular with offset addition.
Description : Foundation: parged stone perimeter walls.
Structure : wood frame
Ext. walls: brick-pattern asphalt roll siding over beveled
wood siding.

Roofs : 3-tab asphalt-shingled, moderately pitched
front-gabled roof; shallowly hipped roof over
front porch; shed roof over addition.

Chimneys : one brick interior chimney centered on ridge.
Dormers : none

Windows : painted wood 1/1 double hung, with plain
casings, slip sills and aluminum storms.

Openings : 1/1 light, paneled door on south side of main
block facade; same on front of addition; both
doorways have plain casings and sills.

Porches : Full-width, hipped roof front porch with three
turned wood columns and two matching pilasters;
square posts compose the open-rail balustrade.

Details : Boxed cornice on fascia, modest arches at ends
of porch; attached picket fence.

Construction Date : 1872

Architecture style: Gable ended box

Physical History : In 1872 Dubuque contractor John McCoy built this two-
story frame house for Patrick Kennedy on the west side of Southern Avenue (now
South Locust) for \$500. The lot on which it was built was part of a subdivision

of Mineral Lot 54 platted by prominent Dubuque capitalist and real estate developer Richard Bonson. Kennedy did not acquire title to the property - at the undeveloped lot rate of \$50 - until a year after the house was completed. A laborer for the Illinois Central Railroad, he lived here with his wife Ann until his death in January 1884. Ann sold the house in 1902 to Maggie and Andrew McCullen for \$1, plus love and affection, perhaps indicating a familial relationship. The Cullens rented the house to short-term tenants, as did M.J. Connolly [Connoly], who purchased it in 1912. Five years later Thomas Kennedy acquired the property, and he, too, rented it. Thomas Sheehan lived in the house through most of the 1910s. In 1921 John J. McGrath, a laborer for the Martin-Strelau coal company lived here. From that time the house has been occupied by members of the Kennedy, William, Burke and Schmitt families. The property has most recently been acquired by the Iowa Department of Transportation for demolition. Throughout this extended occupation, the house has undergone relatively minor exterior alterations, involving the construction of a single-story shed addition onto the south side of the main block and resheathing the walls and roof with asphalt.

Significance: With its gable-ended roof configuration and full-width front porch, the Patrick Kennedy House more resembles the structures on south Dodge Street than the side-gabled houses nearby on South Locust. The structure otherwise typifies the workingmen's houses built in south Dubuque in the 1870s and 1880s.

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